

WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC Art COMMISSION

Mission statement: The mission of the Waynesville Public Art Commission is to engage the community and enrich public spaces through original art that celebrates Waynesville's unique historic, cultural, natural and human resources.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 14, 2011

Members Present

Jan Griffin, President
Sylvia Everett, Secretary
Sara Jane League, Treasurer
Philan Medford
Ann Melton
Diana Laursen
Ed Kelley

Members absent:

Bill King
David Blevins

Alison Melnikova, staff person

Meeting called to order by Chair Jan Griffin.

Minutes of the March meeting:

Motion by Ann, Second by Philan to approve March minutes.
Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The new format for the treasurer's report is in compliance with the format used by the town.
Individual project spread sheets will be provided as needed.

Balance is \$21,993.05.

Motion by Philan, second by Ed to accept the report.
Approved.

Old Business:

Bill King not present. No report on signage.

Community Awareness:

Jan has spoken with the mayor, who is supportive of this effort. The base of donors can hopefully be broadened, as well as other clarifications, such as no competition with the HCAC. The mayor will try to attend one of the meetings to talk about public art from the town's point of view.

It has been suggested that one of the outreach meetings might be in an artist's gallery, either as part of Art After Dark, or at another time. It is the consensus of the committee that this is a good idea.

Ann suggested that public information sessions also might coordinate with public events during the summer, perhaps in the mini-park.

Memorial Art Piece: David can no longer chair this committee. Ed Kelley will work on this project, along with David. Martin Carter will work with this project on quality control of materials, quality of work.

Mini-park enhancement: Sara Jane reported that the Waynesville Garden Club will contribute \$250 for colorful plants or other enhancements to be selected by Jonathan Yates, town horticulturist.

Jan requested contacts for community awareness effort.

Philan described the Tuscola High School project for art students to design pavers for the entrance to the Town Hall. This is part of the budget for the new town hall.

New Business:

Ann Melton

Ann suggested that we need to find ways to encourage both the creation of sculpture and awareness by students of sculpture as an art form. All agreed that this is an important idea for the commission to investigate. Various ideas and possibilities were expressed. The sculpture studio at WCU might be involved. Ann will work on a letter to introduce the idea to local artists and studios. Art teachers in local schools might be polled for ideas.

Ann will chair the scrapbook committee with help from Kaaren, Bill, and Marilyn.

Jan asked that any questions about discussion or votes by the commission be brought to the next meeting of the WPAC. She also emphasized that everyone has a voice and will be heard.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be on May 12, 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Everett, Secretary

Jan Griffin, Chair